



Kane County
Public Lands Department

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Resource Development Committee Meeting

MINUTES

July 20, 2022
9:00 AM

Attending: Clayton Cutler, Kelly Stowell, Bart Battista, Byard Kershaw, Tony Wright, Lance Jackson, Mike Noel

Absent: Andy Gant, Jeff Stott, Taylor Glover.

Call to order: Bart Battista. (Chair)

Invocation: Mike Noel

Pledge of Allegiance: Byard Kershaw

Approval of the 06-15-2022 Interagency meeting minutes.

Tony made a motion to approve the minutes, Lance seconded the motion. Interagency Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item for meeting change dates: Clayton said that there had been many agencies that have reached out and asked if we could change the dates for our Interagency meetings. So Clayton opened up a discussion on what days may work better. Even though this was a resource meeting, the dates would be the same if approved for the Interagency meeting, Resource Development Committee meetings, and the RTSSD meetings. After some discussion by the board and with Clayton recommending changing the dates to the third Tuesday of each month, Byard made a motion to change the meeting dates.

Mike Noel seconded the motion, motion passed. Meetings will be held the 3rd Tuesday each month, and times will remain the same. Resource, and Interagency meetings will alternate each month.

Clayton gave an update on the county RMP. There are 5 things that the State would like the Counties to implement. It includes, Land access, Pipelines, grazing, critical minerals. He will send that out to the board. He also mentioned how in the future they will try to get that in a story map version online so it will be easier to sort through in an online version.

Mike talked about the Lake Powell pipeline and gave a history of how it came about. Washington County is the driver of the pipeline. Byard wanted to know who was behind the pipeline. Mike mentioned how the Kane County Water Conservancy District is not part of the pipeline however they still do have some of the water rights. They talked about the projected growths and the issues of the water rights.

Byard read a memo from the Public Lands Foundation. Byard is a lifetime member and he gets some of the updates. He wanted to read the memo about revising the mining law. How they are getting experts on mining and how they want to get rid of some of the mining laws. He mentioned the public comment period and how it is ending soon. Hayden Ballard stepped in and said that they have extended the public comment period and PLPCO is currently working on submitting something and they can include the County as well.

The comment was made to stay on top of all that stuff.
As the committee we want to stay in the loop and be involved so we can actually implement Mike said we are lacking in the sell-able minerals. We have mineral access mostly. Because we need the access to that.

Mike wanted to make sure that we get something in the County Resource Management Plan is filming permits. Kelly agreed and we will be working on how we can implement that into the plan.

Clayton also gave updates on the BLM and UDOT and the planning phases and comment periods. He will get that information out so the committee can make comments if they want.

Bart asked about the solar farms out by Big Water. Bart had talked to Wendy and wanted an update.
Kelly said the conditional use permit had lapsed and that they want to do a CRA. That is a Reinvestment area. Kelly said that it was big and that it would feed into the Garkane grid but so far that it is on hold.

Byard brought up the idea of adding some other members on the Resource Committee and to the RTSSD. It may be a good time to look into adding members from around the county and not just in Kanab.

Byard made the motion of getting some other representatives from around the committee.

Mike talked about the Cove Reservoir. They are moving forward with that. They are waiting for a few decisions, they may have some trouble with the NRCS. A lot would depend on how the House of Representatives vote.

Lance wanted to know a little bit about why we have backed off the lake Powell pipeline.

Mike said that they applied for the water rights, they needed the water later, and they didn't need it initially. So the Kane County Water Conservancy District pulled out of the deal. Mainly because they didn't need the water initially at the request of Washington County. But they still

have the water rights, and they just pulled out of the EIS of the pipeline, because our needs were not immediate. It didn't make sense to use those resources at the time when they weren't going to use the water rights for another 15 years or so. It helps Washington County by us pulling out and it is easier for us to get back in to the deal later.

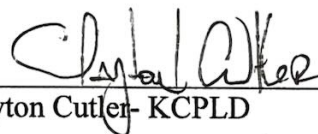
Mike said that if they wanted to finish the discussion they should move to an executive session. Lance made a motion to move to an executive portion of the meeting. Bart seconded the motion.

Hayden gave an update on the SUWA decision from Judge Whaddops. They are appealing their decision to the 10th circuit. He will keep the committee updated on that. Also PLPCO is still working on all the litigation with RS 2477. They talked about the roads issues and how it has been such a big deal for the past 30 years. Now hopefully the County and the State are finally making some headway on that issue. Hayden reminded the committee that the DOI requested some input on mining decisions that will be made.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.



Bart Battista- Resource Committee -Chair



Clayton Cutler- KCPLD